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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone for hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to firm. Light trading for prompt shipments. Heavy trading for out front sales with price ceilings for hens in July 71, August 73 and September 75 cents. The tom price ceilings were July 72, August 74, and September 76 cents. Demand light to moderate, best for deferred shipments. MST steady to firm and tightly held. Parts and meats trading slow. Demand light to fair.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Heavy trading mostly going to Asia. Spotty trading on MST and drums for Russia and Mexico. Demand fair to fairly good.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 10, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	68	68.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	1840	JUL-SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-70	70	70.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	1360	JUL-SEP

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JUNE 11, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00 **	69.00	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	67.50	59.00 **
WESTERN REGION	68.00 **	69.00	60.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00 **	69.00 **	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	69.75	68.50 **	57.50 **
WESTERN REGION	71.50	69.00	58.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	89-114

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-JUN-99			
	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	71.00	280		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	71.00	280		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		120		20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-May-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND HEAD---</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	371	-53	23.50	NONE	NONE	371	23.50
S ATL	982	29	26.76	(A)	(A)	989	26.75
N CENT	2,052	-2	26.37	(A)	(A)	2,067	26.35
S CENT	616	-18	22.10	NONE	NONE	616	22.10
WEST	572	67	21.63	(A)	(A)	588	21.81
U.S.TOTAL	4,593(B)	-3	25.06	0	38	4,631	25.07
TO DATE							
1999	99,382(B)			27	656	100,065	
TO DATE							
1998	106,069(B)			8	734	106,811	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 322,000; last year to date 408,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-May-99

	<u>FRYER- ROASTERS</u>	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>---THOUSANDS---</u>			
HEAD	0	4,593	38	4,631
AVGWT	0.00	25.06	26.00	25.07
LAST WEEK	27	4,737	23	4,787
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,222	15	3,237
AVGWT	0.00	24.71(A)	29.20	24.73
TO-DATE/1999	27	99,382(A)	656	100,065
TO-DATE/1998	8	106,069(A)	734	106,811

(A) Includes 322,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 408,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 29-May-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 474 HD, 10,539 LBS,
TO DATE 6,123 HD, 149,584 LBS; OLD 16 HD, TO DATE 121 HD;
TOTAL 490 HD, TO DATE 6,254 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

APRIL	444,541 *
MAY 1-29, 1999	416,267 *
To date 1999	2,047,310 *
To date 1998	2,159,295 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 JUNE 1999.

Undertone on fresh tom breast meat about steady with a barely steady to fully steady trade sentiment. Tenderloin trade sentiment fully steady to firm, thigh meat steady to fully steady with the market not as strong as previous weeks. Grade A 4-8 lb. breast demand light to fair with a steady to fully steady undertone. Mechanically separated turkey market strong due in part to Russian buying interest. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (3.50 loads) 162-167, plant grade breasts (mixed load): 10-12 lb. 125, 12-14 lb. 135, 14-16 lb. 145 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (1 container) 14.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	24
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	44.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.38	24
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.00		193.00	160
THIGH MEAT	65.00		65.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	59.00	56
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	100
SCAPULA MEAT		R	91.00	10
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	162.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-18.50		16.60	328
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	16.00		16.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.25-18.75		18.50	104
TAILS	18.50		18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-22.50		20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.50		65.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 JUNE 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on frozen thigh meat with some feeling the market maybe leveling off. Tom full-cut wing undertone steady to instances weak with improved activity noted at the lower price levels. Fresh tom breast meat market about steady with some anticipating offerings to move into a better balance. Fresh tom drums: (12 loads) 20 August-early September, 23 (11 loads) mid-September - early November, basted plant grade 16-18 lb. breasts 130 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (6 containers) 15, plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts (1 container) 102.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	80	99.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	17.00	24	16.42	137
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	16.00-18.00		17.85	520	17.85	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	23.00	11	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	15	23.00	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.50	80		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	44.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	40	14.86	218
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	10	15.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	183.00	20	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	191.00-194.00		193.00	530	192.28	1,330
THIGH MEAT		R	65.00	60	65.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-67.00		64.24	50	64.24	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00-110.00		109.93	43	109.93	43
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	162.00	80		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	68.00	40	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00-25.00		21.47	404	17.99	1,164
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-18.00		17.03	504	16.82	1,640
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	16.00-23.00		17.13	248	17.22	392
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-20.50		20.25	520	19.95	1,040
TAILS		R	18.50	108	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.29	1,333	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-69.00		66.50	80	64.03	464

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